

25, WILTON PLACE.
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My Dear Gray

On my return home from Kew yesterday I found your ignostical Flora for which I thank you much. It appears to me to be highly satisfactory and was much wanted. I trust you will go on actively so that the next part may be available for our Geneva.

I have been looking more into the question of the Californian Laurel and examining the other N. American species of *Setrea* (*Setraethera*). I found an old memorandum ^{of mine} that in the Mexican *Setrea glaucescens* HBK. (*glaucescens* Gray) the stamens of the 3d series are turned outwards and it is probably

on the strength of that memorandum that
Meisner describes them so - I cannot now
find that to be the case in any of our
Mexican specimens and I think that the
memorandum in question was founded
on a Californian specimen and
accidentally transposed in Herb. Hook (perhaps
Meisner worked upon) to the Mexican
specimen. The Mexican *D. glauca*
(*D. Crockeri*) like the *D. geminata* from
N. America have the true *Ditroch*
character, dioecious with all the anthers
turned inward. The flowers of the
Californian plant are generally hermaphrodite
though often sterile - the ovary ^{always} apparently
perfect in flower though not ~~perfect~~

I should propose therefore the
keeping up Nuttall's *Drymophyllum*
with his specific name (which says
the giving a new name) but we have not
Nuttall's *dyloa* nor is it at the herbarium
Louisy - Meisner is ordering it but in the
mean time would you kindly give me

the reference to the page where Nuttall
characterizes the genus and tell me
whether his character is correct.

Yours very sincerely
George Donnell